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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7051

BILL NUMBER: HB 1143

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 5, 2013

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Publication of Town Ordinances.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Candelaria Reardon

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill provides that if a town publishes any of its ordinances in book or pamphlet form, no other publication is required in order for the ordinance to take effect. It provides that a town ordinance prescribing a penalty or forfeiture for a violation takes effect two weeks after the publication of the book or pamphlet.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: There are no data available to indicate if printing ordinances and forfeitures in book or pamphlet form will provide cost savings over the cost of publishing in newspapers.

A book or pamphlet of a town's ordinances and forfeitures would constitute presumptive evidence concerning the ordinances, their adoption date, and that they have been properly signed, attested, recorded, and approved. Potentially, this evidence could advert a challenge to the validity of a town's ordinances. However, the fiscal impact of this provision is indeterminate.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Towns.

Information Sources:

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